FOSTER

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Ambrose
Christopher
George
John
Thomas
William

Miss / Ann
Benjamin
Grace
Nicholas

Ambrose

DB3
365- 5-20-1762 Lt Boyd + Ambrose Foster — 2 £ 10 shil
Halifax on Wms ck — 270 a — est Parkers corner — Atterton Co.
5-20-1762

170. 4-26-1761 Let wm Boyd + Ambrose Foster of
Halifax Halifax Co — 7 £ — on Wms ck on So. S of Dan
D.B3 River 591 a — on Brandons corner — 8-20-1761
wit John Kirby. Jas Watkins, John Rogers. Wm Tanner

WB6- Ambrose Foster — wife Peggy, dau Sally — gr-child
372. Foster + John Moore land in Person Co. ½ £ — g-dau
Halifax Peggy Moore, dau Mildred Duckson son
Ambrose, — does — Sally, Peggy, Betsey,
Polsey Brandon d + Fanny Foster — child John
Sally, Peggy Betsey, Fanny + Ambrose Foster
Ex. feb Tho Watkins + Herndon Hanbery
2-28-1802 7-26-1802
Tho Brandon Jr. John Mitchell, Henry Mitchell
Clement Sept Court.

Christopher

130 XTopher Foster aged 27 - 1677. Survey D #2

74 S.D#5 ap ext XTopher Foster - 7-18-1711 - by Tho Tyas - Tho. Andrews
Signed Eliza Foster - 8-15-1711.

5-72 Survey XTopher Foster eldest Son John - younger Son XTopher plat H of Abraham Evans near Bl. W Sons Child - John, XTop - Faith + Eliza, wife Eliz child + her father Mr. John Barber Ex. - 3 children more since alive - Grace, Robt + Faithful - Son Robt all that pt of land alive given unto my Son XTopher - notwithstanding it has been given XTopher 3-27-1710/11 — Son John all the rest of the land but lot. — 7-18-1711
Edw. Bayley - Tho. Andrews

George

Geo Foster - of Sow - to John Clements - land formerly belonging to John Tucy died 1663
S. Bk 1 - 214

Seery 1694 - 1704
19 Geo. Foster aged 53 - 1694.

S. 23. Geo. Foster lived in Wareneck - license security
G.B. 1691-1713 Wm Gray 1691

Seery D #2
16. Geo Foster - 46 - Tho. Ironmonger 49 - 1694.

Halifax Foster. Geo = Alice Turner 5-23-1792
. Jersey = Sarah Gzhorke 6-24-1793

Seery 1694-1704
148. Geo. Foster - wife Ann, son Wm, son Tho, dau Elizabeth + Mary Hart - son Wm Ex - overseer Jd John Thompson 12-16-1697.
Tho. Cross, Wm Gray, John Hilchell
1-4-1697.

John

Surry O. B 1741-44

1. acct est of John Barnes rct. by John Foster & wife ann

4-1741.
John Foster - eldest son & [illegible] in this sd.
the sw & chas Barham land - em John
T. of land by. d dw line of Barham.
& Th. Phillips pdh. - Sen arthur - hfs.
Mary, - & child Elya - Faith. X/yeton
Mary, John Lucy arthur & Sarah
Exs. hf & Bro & Iohn
2-23-1735 - 2-28-1736
Rich. Griffith. X Typhen Foster O.S.
Faith Emry. Fortune Foster

John

K 131 - 2 of 6

1-9-1767. Md Rich. Porter of Granville Prov of N.C + John Porter of Co of Glouc. to 20 s to convey. T of Land in Prov of Md. - made by the most known + an. boundaries - by an individual T of land cont 300 a. - 1/2 was formerly sold to Jacob Tho - rem. pat 150 a

Rich Baker

Esthers Smith. Chas Goodrich.

O. S.

John

Foster. 1756 to John Foster in his
will to his son James + ence
descended to ed Rich. Foster as heir
at law to ed James F. died 1754

D B 9- 282

Doyle.

Southampton

Sarah Gilliam the wife of Walter Gilliam seems to have been the daughter Sarah named in this will. Actual proof has not presented itself.

Will of John Foster; to eldest son Christopher; son John the land adjoining the lines of Charles Barham and Thomas Phillips; son Arthur; wife Mary; to my eight children; Elizabeth, Faith, Christopher, Mary, Mary, John , Lucy, Arthur and Sarah. Exs., wife and brother Christopher Foster.
Feb. 23, 1735 Feb. 28, 1736.
Wit. Ralph Griffeth, Christopher Foster, Faith Emry and Fortune Foster. Isle of Wight Will Bk. 4, p. 141.

Mary Foster the wife of John was the daughter of Elias Fort.

Thomas

Surry

D#5. John Clements in will to Thos. Foster son of Geo 1704.

S. D #5-

8. John Clements leaves a leg to Thos. Foster the son of Geo. Foster - to Elizabeth wife of Allen Warren. to Jane dau of Robt Warren. 1704.

William

S. D #5

48 Bond for Wm Foster to keep a ferry at the mouth of Grays Ck. 1710/11

S 1713-35

327. Wm Foster — son Henry, plat wh. I now in. dau Mary. — Father Tho. Foster Ex.
2-13-1720/21 4-19-1721
Wch. Mayd. Tho. Crafd — Sand. Aberhook.

S 1713-35

349. agt Wm Foster — Tho. Foster signed 11-0-17-0 — by Wch Mayd, Will Brown Jr. Roger Wms — 6-21-1721

S. 1713-30

367. Est of Capt Wm Foster — pd Henry Foster by will, pd Mary Foster — rel Tho. Foster Ex 9-18-1724. Ex by Wm Cocke, Jos Nicholson. 2-17-1724.

S. O. B 1713-18

101. Wm Foster & wife Eliza deed to Benj Chapman 1716.

Ann
Benjamin
Grace
Nicholas

C + P.
103. Rich. Foster heedyfl of Tho. Sewann. 1635

S. D # 3
Elnya Andrew dau of John Barker. – gr. son
Robt Foster – gr. dau Grace Foster 1713

Benj Foster 923a Qt Rt P. Gen. 1704

S. D # 5 –
48. Ann Foster – 2 youngest son – Robt + Tho.
heireem – daus Elyat Ann,
exd sons Exs –
3-22-1707 – 3-20-1710/11
55 ap. Will Robt, John Clarke – signed Tho. heireem

1715-33

44 Sep. ap. of John Benum - Robt Warren
ap. Allen Warren. wm Foster, Zach Maddera
2-20-1716.

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Geo Foster Sr. Sunlight on Soeide.

Geo Foster	1748	3 Tithe	-7s -
Geo Foster			
Geo Foster Jr.	1749	31	93
Geo Foster Sr			
Geo Foster Jr	1750.	3 ⌐	148
Tho. Foster	1773	2 ⌐	313
Tho. Foster	1774	1 ⌐	334
Moses ⌐	⌐	1 ⌐	334
Isham ⌐	1775-	1	
Moses Foster	1775		35 5-
Isaac Allen		2 -	35 5-
Moses Foster	1776	1 -	375 -
Isham ⌐	1776.	2	375 -
John ⌐	1783	3 ⌐	8 Soeb. 397.
Jeremiah ⌐	178≈		
Geo Foster		3 ⌐	7 Soeb 397.
John Foster Sr	1783	6 ⌐	16 Soeb 397.
Rich Foster			

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257 Will of Henry Foster proved by Humphry Linnards
J.C + + Edw. Wilson – Eliza Woodes portals 5-23-1672
G.C

92 This is all the Ct at this time cands. consid. that no man came in To allege any thing concerning ye death of John Foster + Tho. Seamn. 1625

128 Wm Foster of Elyn-City - will presented - adm. gtd Rch. Popely - 1626
138 proved by John Howe Gent.

Duplicate

Arthur J. of Southampton Co.
My line v. Silas Elvis.
John Foster d. Dale of Chesterfield Co. Va. 1736 -
wife Mary - Children John 1st m. Arthur
Elvis, Mary, Faith, Sarah, Eliza & Lucy.
Wife Mary d. Bute Co N.C. 1768. Children
2nd m. Elvis, Arthur, Mary Westbrooks
Sarah Foster, & Faith Robertson -
John Foster - 2nd (my ancestor) mar.
Eliza - & they had Daniel Elvis -
John Arthur Lucy Freeman &
Eliza - Parker - (The Franklin N.C. records show my Arthur moved to Greene Co. Ga.)
Arthur moved to Ga. & d. there 1840 -
Children per will Arthur, Daniel,
James, Silas, Adam, Sterling,
Albert, Nathaniel, Sarah, Mary,
Lucy, Elizabeth, & 2 names
unknown -
I just wanted to put you on
guard about Arthur who may
Martha Collier & Jimmy - Several
have tried to trace us to Ellis line
but it isn't ours. Best wishes &
thanks - Cordially - S. T. Stovall -

Duplicate

Please when you send data be sure to put No. of Foote & page. what County - Send data by special delivery as soon as possible as I have to get it to Savannah by June 1st. Kindly give your bill including postage. I want to send the bill to two cousins - I'm sure almost they will help me - One I've never seen. They are interested. If they don't help - I'll pay both myself & Miss Bryan myself - You won't receive your payment by return mail as the two cousins live one in Ala. & one in Alaska. But you will be paid at an early date - I thank you more than I can tell you for your kindness & hearty co-operation. Do hope you can locate in Surry or New Kent the father of Jno. of Dale of Light. 1736 - Foote was my maiden name & I'm more interested in that line than any - There was a Capt. Jno. Foote 1682 - in Surry & New Kent - & John James & Joseph - New Kent - from 1702 & 1714 - & a Joseph F. in

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The State enumerations from Kingston Parish, Glos^tr Co. for 1783, does not have John Foster Jr. which shows that he had moved to Portsmouth before that date.

John Foster Sen^r is listed as having 7 whites & 21 blacks. Besides himself and wife, there were 5 children still at home. Josiah was listed separately as a householder.

John Jr married Elizabeth Culley in 1777, and soon after went to Portsmouth to engage in the ship-building business.
(Norfolk Co. D.B. 31. p. 101)

From tax list for Norfolk County we find the name of John Foster in 1797, 1799, 1807.

Copy -
The Benson Bible, belonging to M^rs Lizzie Benson 314 Middle Street, Portsmouth V^a with John Foster Records for his last wife's children & descendants, was copied by Russell Syer Barrett in the year 1925, with the aid and approval of M^rs Benson.

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Also the Old Barrett Bible, presented to his daughter and her husband by John Foster, and now in possession of above, Rhoda Barrett, has many Foster and Barrett Records, which follow.

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The Benson Bible Record follows: -

" John Foster came from Mathews County, Virginia.
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James " son " " " " " " " Dec. 30. 1794
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David " " " John " Clarissa " " July 17. 1803
Dolly " dau. " " " " " " " May 16. 1805
Robert " son " John and Elizabeth " May 24. 1811

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"Deaths: John, son of John and Elizabeth died May 30. —
Thomas " " " " " " Sept. 30, 1780
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John Foster son of John and Ann " Oct. 16, 1795

" John Foster the father of the above Children departed this life Nov. 5. 1811. "

John Foster admitted a Citizen of this Commonwealth, took the Oath 20, April 1786.
(Norfolk Co. Va. O.B. 1786-'87 - pg. 19.)

Copy
Norfolk County Marriage Bond.
John Foster and Ann Gumbley - Aug. 11, 1791

This note with the consent is enclosed in the license:—

"Sir, I have a desire to marry your daughter if agreeable to you but cannot get license without a line from you, without going to court which is disagreeable, if it meets with youre approbasion you will please wright me a line as soon as you can make it convenient, that i may Know how to proceed and you will oblige youre Friend and Humble Servant
John Foster
Portsmouth 11 Aug. 1791.

" Sir this meets with my approbashon i have not the Smallest objectshon given under my hand the twelfth Day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.
Isaac Gumbley "

John Foster's fourth wife Elizabeth Lawrence, was the widow of Bartholomew Lawrence, dec'd. She was the daughter of Ephaphroditus Butt.
She married Lawrence Nov. 26. 1791. (D.B. 49 - p. 181 Norfolk Co.)

John Foster engaged in the ship-building business and was in partnership with some one named Smith, who died before June 1768, as on that date he entered suit against certain parties for debt as the surviving partner of Smith & Foster. Again in 1790 he was suing for debts due the firm. (Norfolk Co. O.B.)

An indenture made Apl. 29. 1789 - When John Foster buys from John Fleet and Mary his wife of Portsmouth, a lot on North Street in Hampton Square as by the plan of the town.
(Book 31 - pg. 101)
Norfolk Co.

Oct. 18. 1801. John Foster buys a parcel of land in Norfolk Co, near Portsmouth the land of the late Richd Nestor, and paid 55 pounds current money.
(Book 40-p. 13)

Apl. 25. 1801 - John Foster buys 54 acres of land in parish of Portsmouth, Norfolk Co.
(D.B. 43. p. 140)

Aug. 11. 1803. John Foster of Portsmouth buys land sold at public auction for $925.00 at intersection of South and Washington Sts., running northerly 113 ft. and easterly 180 ft. in Virginia Square.
(Book 41. pg 63)

John Foster was a Trustee of the Town of Portsmouth when they leased land given by Wm Craford for a Court House Lot. May 20. 1805. (Book 47. 356)

Aug. 21. 1810. John Foster bought of Moses Meyers in town of Portsmouth land on Crawford St, and paid $52.50 current money.
(B. 45. p. 188)

Oct. 10. 1806. Indenture between Francis Benom Wife Sophie of the 1st pt. and John Foster and Clarissa his wife of 2nd pt. Thos Brooks mutually chosen Trustee. Indebtedness $1300.00 -
Book 43-p. 98/100. Norfolk Co.

Norfolk County Order Book.
July 17. 1809. Ordered that John Foster etc., Commissioners appointed by an order of February Court last, for letting out to the lowest undertaker the repairs of the Gosport Bridge and Cause way leading there, to draw upon the Treasurer of Norfolk County, in favor of the undertaker of such repairs for such sums payable at such periods as they may think necessary.

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John Foster died in November, 1811, intestate. A man of his business ability and comparatively large holdings, would have made a will — had he had warning of the impending end. His estate was not settled until eight years later.

A settlement of the estate of John Foster dec'd was this day returned to Court, examined, allowed, and ordered to be recorded. July 19, 1819.

The French Spoliation Claim

These claims arose out of the activities of French privateers praying upon American ships during the Franco-British War in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

At the close of the Revolutionary War, in recognition of the assistance given by Lafayette and the French nation, the United States Government entered into a treaty with France against Great Britain, wherein the United States agreed to help protect the French Colonies in West Indies in case of attack by English vessels.

When America was called upon to fulfill her agreement a few years later, President Washington held that this country was not sufficiently strong to give this assistance.

The abrogation of the treaty followed.

France thereupon preyed upon American vessels. About three thousand American ships were seized. This policy continued until the year 1800, when the U.S. and France entered into another treaty under which certain French national claims against the U.S. were offset by the individual claims of American citizens against France arising out of these shipseizures. This treaty is held to have obligated the U.S. to settle with its own citizens their claims for damage and loss.

Soley, an American naval expert and historian, states the case:—"The United States surrendered claims of its citizens against France for wrongful seizure in return for the surrender by France of whatever claim it might have had against the U.S. for the latters failure to fulfill the obligations assumed in the earlier treaties, especially the Treaty of 1778. The U.S. therefore having received a consideration for its refusal to prosecute the claims of its citizens thereby took the place with respect to the claimants of the French Government virtually assumed the obligations of the latter.

The heirs of John Foster have several times made efforts to recover damage on the claims that John Foster lost his ship "Three Brothers", it having been seized by the French while on the high seas.

At one time the services of John Goode, a prominent lawyer, were engaged to press claims in Congress. But nothing resulted.

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(Copied from a paper among manuscripts in State Archives)
"John Foster and Elizabeth Culley — rec'd for Commonwealth £ 1. —
(Tyler's Quar. Vol-5-57)

The State enumerations from Kingston Parish, Glos^tr Co. for 1783, does not have John Foster Jr. which shows that he had moved to Portsmouth before that date.

John Foster Sen^r is listed as having 7 whites & 21 blacks. Besides himself and wife, there were 5 children skee at home. Josiah was listed separately as a householder. John Jr married Elizabeth Culley in 1777, and soon after went to Portsmouth to engage in the ship-building business.
(Norfolk Co. D.B. 31 - p. 101)
From tax list for Norfolk County we find the name of John Foster in 1797, 1799, 1807.

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The Benson Bible, belonging to M^rs Lizzie Benson 314 Middle Street, Portsmouth V^a with John Foster Records for his last wife's children & descendants, was copied by Russell Tyer Barrett in the year 1925, with the aid and approval of M^rs Benson.

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Also the Old Barrett Bible, presented to his daughter and her husband by John Foster, and now in possession of above, Russell Barrett, has many Foster and Barrett Records, which follow.

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The Benson Bible Record follows: -

" John Foster came from Mathews County, Virginia.
" John Foster married 1st Elizabeth Cully 1777.
" John Foster married 2nd Ann Gumbley, Aug 11- 1791.
" John Foster married 3rd Clarissa Nathan July 1. 1802.
" John Foster married 4th Elizabeth Lawrence Oct. 1. 1808.

Births:-

" John Foster,	son of	John and Elizabeth	was born Oct. 28, 1778
Thomas "	"	" "	" " Sept. 20. 1780
Mary Ann "	dau.	" "	" " Dec. 29. 1781
Hezikiah "	son	" "	" " May 28, 1783
Robert "	"	" "	" " Sept. 3. 1784
Josiah "	"	" "	" " July 14- 1786
Hezikiah "	"	" "	" " May 27- 1789
Elizabeth "	dau.	" "	" " May 16- 1790
John "	son	of John and Ann	" " June 23, 1792
Ann "	dau.	" "	" " Aug - 1793
James "	son	" "	" " Dec. 30. 1794
William "	"	" "	" " Sept. 14. 1796
Catherine "	dau.	" "	" " June 14. 1798
John "	son	" "	" " Feb. 16, 1801
David "	"	" John "	Clarissa " " July 17- 1803
Dolly "	dau.	" "	" " May 16. 1805
Robert "	son	" John and	Elizabeth " May 24, 1811

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"Deaths:- John, son of John and Elizabeth died May 30. -
Thomas " " " " " " Sept. 30, 1780
Hezekiah " " " " " " Feby 29- 1786
Robert " " " " " " - - 1793
Josiah " " " " " " - - 1787
Hezekiah " " " " " " - -
Elizabeth " " " " " " - - 1791
John Foster son of John and Ann " Oct. 16, 1795

" John Foster the father of the above children departed this life Nov. 5. 1811. "

John Foster admitted a Citizen of this Commonwealth, took the Oath 20. April 1786.

(Norfolk Co. Va. O.B. 1786-'87 - pg. 19.)

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Norfolk County Marriage Bond.

John Foster and Ann Gumbley - Aug. 11. 1791

This note with the consent is enclosed in the license:—

"Sir, I have a desire to marry your daughter if agreeable to you but cannot get license without a line from you, without going to Court which is disagreeable, if it meets with youre approbasion you will please wright me a line as soon as you can make it convenient, that i may Know how to proceed and you will oblige youre Friend and humble Servant —

John Foster

Portsmouth 11 Aug. 1791.

"Sir this meets with my aprobashon i have not the Smallest objectshon given under my hand the twelfth day of August one thousand and seven hundred and ninety one.

Isaac Gumbley"

John Foster's fourth wife Elizabeth Lawrence, was the widow of Bartholomew Lalorence, dec'd. She was the daughter of Epaphroditus Butt.

She married Lawrence Nov. 26. 1791 - (D.B. 49 - p. 181. Norfolk Co.)

John Foster engaged in the ship-building business and was in partnership with some one named Smith, who died before June 1768, as on that date he entered suit against certain parties for debt as the surviving partner of Smith & Foster. Again in 1790 he was suing for debts due the firm - (Norfolk Co. O.B. -)

An indenture made Apl. 24. 1789 - When John Foster buys from John Fleet and Mary his wife of Portsmouth, a lot on North Street in Hampton Square, as by the plan of the town.

(Book 31 - pg. 101)
Norfolk Co.

Oct. 18. 1801. John Foster buys a parcel of land in Norfolk Co, near Portsmouth the land of the late Richd Nestor, and paid 55 pounds current money.
(Book 40 - p. 18)

Apl. 25. 1801 - John Foster buys 54 acres of land in parish of Portsmouth, Norfolk Co.
(D.B. 43 - p. 140)

Aug. 11. 1803 - John Foster of Portsmouth buys land sold at public auction for $925.00 at intersection of South and Washington Sts., running northerly 113 ft. and easterly 180 ft. in Virginia Square -
(Book 41 - pg 63)

John Foster was a Trustee of the Town of Portsmouth when they leased land given by Wm Craford for a Court House lot. May 20, 1805. (Book 47. 356)

Aug - 21 - 1810 - John Foster bought of Moses Meyers in town of Portsmouth land on Crawford St, and paid $5250.00 current money.
(B. 45. p. 188)

Oct. 10. 1806 - Indenture between Francis Benson & wife Sophie of the 1st pt. and John Foster and Clarissa his wife of 2nd pt. Thos Brooks mutually chosen Trustee. Indebtedness $1300.00 -
Book 43 - p. 99 & 100 - Norfolk Co.

Norfolk County Order Book.
July 17. 1809. Ordered that John Foster etc., commissioners appointed by an order of February Court last, for letting out to the lowest undertaker the repairs of the Gosport Bridge and Causeway leading there, to draw upon the Treasurer of Norfolk County, in favor of the undertaker of such repairs for such sums payable at such periods as they may think necessary -

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John Foster died in November, 1811, intestate. A man of his business ability and comparatively large holdings, would have made a will — had he had warning of the impending end. His estate was not settled until eight years later.

A settlement of the estate of John Fostee dec'd was this day returned to Court, examined, allowed, and ordered to be recorded - July 19, 1819.

The French Spoliation Claim.

These claims arose out of the activities of French privateers preying upon American ships during the Franco-British War in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

At the close of the Revolutionary War, in recognition of the assistance given by Lafayette and the French nation, the United States Government entered into a treaty with France against Great Britain, wherein the United States agreed to help protect the French Colonies in West Indies in case of attack by English vessels.

When America was called upon to fulfill her agreement a few years later, President Washington held that this country was not sufficiently strong to give this assistence.

The abrogation of the treaty followed.

France thereupon preyed upon American vessels. About three thousand American ships were seized. This policy continued until the year 1800, when the U.S. and France entered into another treaty under which certain French national claims against the U.S. were offset by the individual claims of American citizens against France arising out of these ship seizures. This treaty is held to have obligated the U.S. to settle with its own citizens their claims for damage and loss.

Soley, an American naval expert and historian, states the case:—"The United States surrendered claims of its citizens against France for wrongful seizure in return for the surrender by France of whatever claim it might have had against the U.S. for the latters failure to fulfill the obligations assumed in the earlier treaties, especially the Treaty of 1778. The U.S. therefore having received a consideration for its refusal to prosecute the claims of its citizens thereby took the place, with respect to the claimants of the French Government virtually assumed the obligations of the latter.

The heirs of John Foster have several times made efforts to recover damage on the claims that John Foster lost his ship "Three Brothers", it having been seized by the French while on the high seas.

At one time the services of John Goode, a prominent lawyer, were engaged to press claims in Congress. But nothing resulted.

It is now so remotely distant in the past, there is no chance of its ever being settled.

Barrett

(Mag. of American Genealogy - Nov 22 -) There are records of William, Thomas, Charles Barrett coming to Virginia early in 17th century - An old will in Norfolk County, dated 1654, mentions Thomas Barrett and says "George Barrett now going home in y^e Shipp Providence". There are several land grants in Chicahominy and James Rivers to William, Francis and Thomas Barrett during the 1600s - It is the Norfolk County branch with whom we are concerned. (Above magazine. No 22. 195) Robert Barrett received 20 pounds Dec - 5. 17. 37 to defray his expenses as a missionary to Virginia under the order of King Charles II, to the Bishop of London. Soon after this the Rev. Robert Barrett begins to appear in the Norfolk County records.

Rev. M^r Robert Barrett is in a suit against Geo Hunter in Norfolk Co - 16 July 1747. (O.B. - 1746-'50 p. 40)
Later in the 1760s there are several other suits that he has against at least six people -
Richard Barrett is among the list of Tithables returned by Lemuel Willoughby Gent - Aug. 20, 1762. (O.B. 1759-1763 - p. 195 -)
This is the Tanner's Creek section on Elizabeth River, where Smith Barrett was living - They were evidently sons of Robert Barrett.

The earliest date we have found concerning Smith Barrett is his Military Record — Virginia Militia in the Revolution -
1777 - Dec. 14 - Smith Barratt, Sergt., for pay of self and guard on sea shore, acct - 17 - 15 - 4"
Va. His. Vol. 7 - 146)
In a list of families on the North side of Tanner's Creek from Levy Godfreys to Sewell's Point, taken Oct. 15, 1782 (we find) Smith Barrett with 7 whites and 6 blacks. This means that besides himself and wife there are five children & 6 Blacks -
(Lower Norfolk Co, Antiquary Vol. IV. 163)
The next year Smith Barrett is dead as shown from an old bond book, not numbered, in Norfolk Co -
"Elizabeth Barrett and Nathaniel Boush give bond for £1000.
Elizabeth Barrett, Admin^x for Smith Barrett dec^d, Mch 20, 1783.
Elizabeth is of course Smith's widow, left with five children - George is the oldest child and there is Daniel, who later acts with George as administrators of Elizabeth's estate, who dies a few yrs later.

Smith Barrott's estate is appraised Oct 1. 1783. It consisted of slaves, horses, cattle, books, furniture, Tools etc, (Apprs. Book No2. Norfolk) The Audit of the estate of Smith Barrott decd was returned 21, Sept. 1786 (O.B. 1786-pg 50)

Elizabeth and five children were living at James's Creek when the Census taken for Norfolk Co. 1785. By 1786 George was old enough to work, and according to custom of those days he was bound out to Thomas Lowry to learn a trade (pg. 51) according to the law- "Ordered that the Overseers of the Poor for Elizabeth River District do bind George Barrett and James Eastwood to Thomas Lowry." George was probably about 16 yrs old in 1786, and we feel sure it was the ship-building trade that he was to learn, as he was later associated with John Foster who was in that business - It is said that the shores of Norfolk and Portsmouth were literally lined with numerous private ship-yards, and the harbor crowded with sailing vessels and smaller craft.

George was probably twenty-one when he married in 1791.

The following marriage bond is in the Court House in Portsmouth.

"George Barrett and Mrs Mary James (widow) married Dec. 21. 1791.
Witnessed by John Foster.

Searching further, we find among these marriage bonds for the previous year, who Mary was before she became the widow James. A record of the first marriage follows:—

"John James and Mary Lowry married Oct. 7. 1790
Witnessed by George Barrett
James Eastwood.

"Mary Lowry, age 21. Jan 19, 1789, dau. of Thos. Lowry."

Aside from being apprenticed to Thos. Lowry, George was evidently a close friend of the Lowry family. John James did not live long after marrying Mary. She was not inconsolable as shown by her marriage to George Barrett the next year.

There is no Bible record of children by this marriage, nor is there a record of Mary's death. She probably lived several years, as George's second marriage did not take place until 1803. (Old Foster Bible) Early that year he married secondly the daughter of his friend John Foster — Mary Ann Foster.

The year 1803 was a momentous one for this family, as the three younger children married.
The Children of Smith and Elizabeth Barrett
George Barrett m. Mary (James) Lowry Dec 21-1791
Mary Barrett m. David Dunbar Jan-24-1793 (she was born Feb 1. 1773 " died Feb. 3. 1835-
Elizabeth Barrett m. John Guy Mch 31-1803
Daniel Barrett m. Elizabeth Reed, Dec 17-1803

The next year 1804, George and Daniel Barrett were administrators for the Estate of Elizabeth Barrett, their mother. (Norfolk Co-O.B. 1804

Daniel Barrett died 1816, leaving three children, as shown in an old bond book, Norfolk Co, not numbered:

"Executors for Elizabeth Barrett, Smith Barrett, Susanna Barrett, Orphans of Daniel Barrett dec'd-"

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The descendants of George Barrett follow.
The following taken from the old Foster Bible, which was in the possession of W.E. Barrett of Newport News for many years - But now in the keeping of Mrs Russell Barrett.
Inscribed:- "This Bible was put in the possession of George Barrett by William John Foster for the use of the family and I wish it not to go from his heirs,
Dec-15-1804-"

"Mary Anne Foster born Dec, 29, 1781.
married George Barrett 1803 "

This Bible was in possession of Robert Foster Barrett in Smithfield during the Civil War of 1861-'65, and was nearly destroyed by Federal soldiers, during their occupation of Smithfield; but has since been restored, and fortunately the pages with the family record (that were loose and scattered) were recovered, altho' many other pages were destroyed.

The Record follows:-

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"Mary Anne Foster born Dec. 29. 1781
married George Barrett 1803.

"issue:-

	George Barrett	born	Feb. 15 1804
	Mary Anne "	"	Mch. 10. 1808
	John Smith "	"	Feb'y 14. 1809
	" " "	died	Nov. 1. 1810
Twins	Henry Barrett	born	Nov. 28. 1811
Twins	Bryan "	"	Nov. 28. 1811
	Milton "	"	Feb'y 9. 1819
	Robert Foster Barrett	"	Sept. 30. 1820
	Elizabeth "	"	June 26, 1823

William, David, Elizabeth, Josiah and John Smith died in infancy.
Bryan died July 17, 1815; Henry surviving.

The father, George Barrett died 1827.
The mother, Mary Anne Foster Barrett died about 1866 in Smithfield.
From
Norfolk Co. Appraisement Book 5.
"The personal estate of George Barrett dec'd
was ordered appraised Feb'y 19, 1827."

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From the Church History of Court St. Baptist Church
Portsmouth, Va.-

"On September 7, 1789 the following brethren signified their willingness to organizing a church:- John Foster, and five others.
On Oct. 10. 1799, the lot on which the church now stands was purchased. John Foster, George Barrett and James Easter, as Trustees for the church, bought one-half of Hanover Square fronting on Court Street and on Queen Street. This deed is preserved in the Norfolk County Clerk's Office.
"A great revival in 1821, when George Barrett was added to the church. (This must have been the oldest son of the George who was Trustee in 1799.

An account of the children of George Barrett (2) son of George (1) and Mary Anne Foster Barrett.
From a letter written by George Barrett III to Wm. S. Barrett.

1. George Barrett (2), son of Geo. and Mary Anne Foster Barrett.
was born Feb. 15-1804; died about 1854.
married 1st ___ ___
issue: — 1- Thomas -
2. Ann Augusta m. Jas. Guy
3. Mary m. C.E.W. Dobbs
married 2nd Ann Carmichael -
issue: George, died in infancy -
George W. Barrett to Ann E. Carmichael, Jan. 8, 1851
From Norfolk Co. Marriage Bonds -
From Col. Charles Dobbs, (an editor) Louisville, Kentucky: —
"My Mother, Mary Barrett dau. of George Barrett, married C.E.W. Dobbs, a Baptist preacher. She was born 1841, m. 1860 died 1883. daughter of Rev. Geo. Barrett of Portsmouth, Va My father left Virginia in the late '60s in the "Baptist invasion" of Kentucky. He came almost literally, without the Scriptural "scrip or purse" and kept only the most fragmentary family records. He had the Dobbs line through which I hold membership in DAR, but the Barretts nothing except name of my maternal grandfather and the above dates".
Col. Charles Dobbs died Sept. 1- 1928 -

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2. Mary Ann Barrett (2), dau. of Geo (1) and Mary Ann Foster Barrett
Born Mch 10-1808. She married a Nichols and was drowned between Norfolk and Smithfield on a packet. Buried in Smithfield. She is said to have been "maiden, wife and widow" all the same day. Husband a sea faring man, ordered away immediately after marriage, never returned, lost at sea -

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3. Elizabeth Barrett (2), dau. of Geo (1) and Mary Ann Foster Barrett.
Born June 26, 1823- married Henry Dorsey, Aug. 1853 -
Her husband is supposed to have been killed in War.
(from old Bible)

From a book written on the history of the Yellow Fever in Ports. 1855
List of the dead from yellow fever!
Henry Barrett
Milton Barrett -

4. Milton Barrett (2) son of Geo (1) & Mary Ann Foster Barrett - Born Feby 9 - 1819 - Died unm - in 1855 - during the yellow-fever epedemic in Portsmouth Va

5. Henry Barrett (2), son of Geo (1) and Mary Ann Foster Barrett - Born Nov - 28 - 1811 - Died in 1855 from Yellow fever - married Sarah Harwood, dau. of Samuel Harwood Sept 30, 1841 Norfolk City marriage bond -

Issue; — Mary Ellen m. Robert Hutchins -
George H. (3) Barrett m. Dana Godwin
Robert H. " m. 1st Annie Brown. 2nd Annie Hall. 3rd Marion Hall
Laura E. " m. Charles Syer no issue -

6. Robert Foster Barrett (2), son of Geo (1) and Mary Ann Foster Barrett Born Sept. 30 - 1820, Portsmouth, Va Died in Smithfield Sept. 24. 1891 married Mary Ann Edwards, April 26, 1855 - Isle of Wight Co. Va She was born 1832 - died June 21 - 1897, Smithfield, Va
issue: - 1. Robert Smith Barrett, b. apl. 23. 1856 - Died Feb. 14 - 1870.
2. Ida Belle Barrett, b. aug. 25. 1857, d. Nov. 25. 1928.
3. Albert Sydney Barrett. b. Dec 20. 1861. d. June 11. 1944
4. Wm Edwards Barrett. b. Dec. 2. 1863. d. June 4 - 1938 N. News -
5. Frederick Mitchell Barrett, b - Nov. 17. 1869 - died Feb - 10. 1918 N. News

Of the above; - 3. Albert Sydney and 4. Wm E. each had one son who d. s. p -
2 - Ida Belle Barrett married John Rouse Jan. 1884 and had issue: —
1. Ida Belle Rouse m - Tom Gregory and had a - Thomas Walker Gregory, b Ida Barrett Gregory and Ed. Lankford Gregory -
2. Park Shepherd Rouse m. Pauline Dashiell and had 4 sons: —
a. Parke D. Rouse; b. Randolph Rouse; c. Dashiell Rouse, d. William Rouse -

5. Of the above; 5 Frederick Mitchell Barrett m. Nov - 17. 1892 Russell Syer of Portsmouth Va
Issue: - 1. Charles Syer Barrett - b. Aug. 25. 1893 - died Feb - 8 - 1898
2. Wm Sydney " b. Feb - 7. 1896
3. Russell Syer " b - Aug. 5. 1897
Twins { 4. Frederick Mitchell Barrett II. b. apl. 10 - 1899
{ 5. Frank Syer Barrett b. " " "
6. Robert Syer " b - Jan. 13 - 1905

This branch of family follows: —

From Family Bible Records Kept by Fred^ck & Russell Dyer Barrett.
Fred^ck M. Barrett b. Nov. 17. 1869 d. ~~Nov~~ Feby. 10. 1918 - Married Nov. 17, 1892 Russell Dyer in Portsmouth Va. b. Aug. 5. 1873 - d -
2. Wm Sydney Barrett m. Nelle Nimon of Austin Texas Sept. 15, 1929 adopted two children: Barbara Anne b. 1939.
Wm Sydney b. ~~Sept 4~~ 1939
Retired Colonel U. S. Army - Residence Fort Worth Texas.

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3. Russell Dyer Barrett. 3rd son of Fred^ck & Russell Barrett married Ethel Alexander (Fowler), of Portsmouth, Va Apl. 15. 1927 in Norfolk. Va Russell adopted Ethel's dau. Martha Ellen, she took his name -
Children: - 1. Martha Ellen Barrett b. 1922
2. Russell Dyer Barrett b. Dec. 27. 1928
Residence: Norfolk, Va

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4. Frederick Mitchell Barrett II. son of Fred^ck M. & Russell Barrett married Anne Lee Cowling, Apl. 24, 1926, at Smithfield Va
Children: - 1. Frederick Mitchell Barrett III b. Oct 15. 1931
2. Anne Littleton Barrett. b. Oct. 26. 1936.
Residence: Smithfield Va

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5. Frank Dyer Barrett, son of Fred^ck & Russell Barrett married Anita Kloss June 10-1922 - St. Paul, Va
Children: - 1. Elaine May b. Aug 20, 1923. Newport News Va
2 Barbara Anne b. Aug 30. 1925, Clearwater Fla.
Residence: Palo Alto, Cal.

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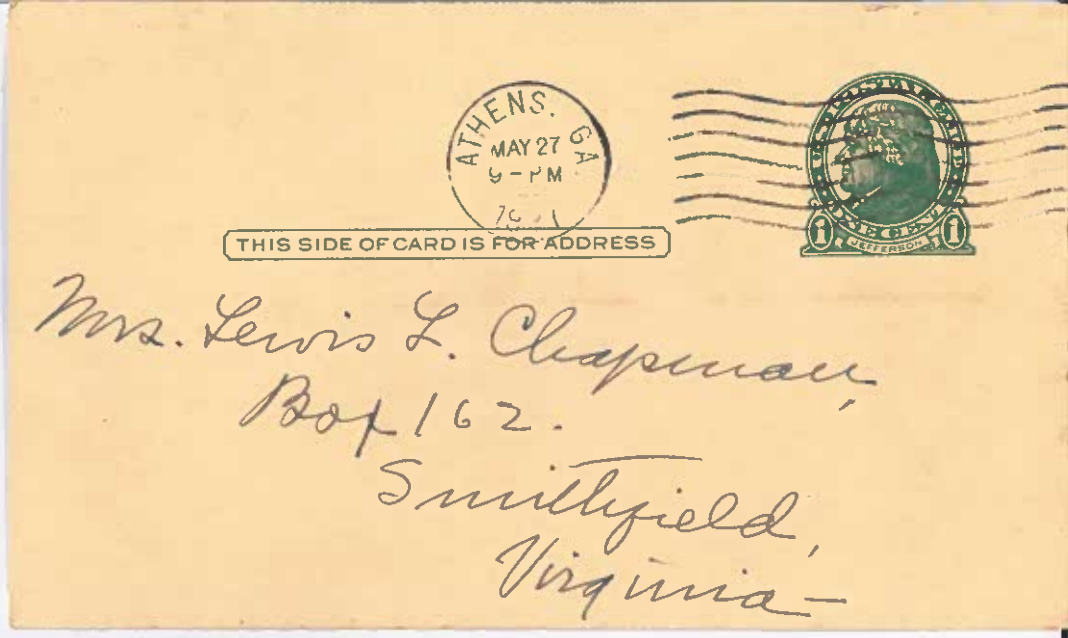
6. Robert Dyer Barrett, 6th son of Fred^ck & Russell Barrett married Myrtle Currey, Huntington West Va April 26. 1940
children: - 1. Grace Dyer, b. Jan. 22. 1941 in Washington D.C.
2. Robert Dyer Jr. b. Jan. 22. 1943 in New York City
Residence Huntington, W. Va



Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman,
Box 162.
Smithfield,
Virginia

Barrett

Thomas Barrett came to Va. in 17 Century

Dau of Robt Barrett

Smith Barrett 1782

" m. Mary Ann. Foster

Children

Descendants of George Barrett

Organization of Church 1799

Death from yellow fever 1855.

~~Marriages of family~~ descendants

Ref-special delivery today. | Thurs.
Will send checks next week. Pleasetry
to get proof from Barker's mar. ▽ that he
had son John. Must be proof somewhere.
My grand father Foster had an
uncle Moses Fort Foster. He had a 1st
Cos. Fort Foster. Everything dovetails ▽
everything is proved but Wm Bis-
mar. ▽ that he had son Jno.
Jno. F. md. Dale 2 Feb't 1736. wife Mary
Fort 2 I wrote Miss Biggs weeks ago she wrote
mixed up with Forts. S. F. S.

850 Hancock Ave -
Athens Ga,
March 2, 1934.

Dear Mrs. Chapman -

Miss Biggs of Offord, N.C. is working on my Hardy - Powers lines for me, and I want to thank you for telling me about her. I like her very much - She has found no proof up to date that I descend from the Hills. (They are my father's ancestors)

Since I have been told I have a year in which to get up my papers to join the C. Ds - society it has just occurred to me to look into lines of my mothers Va. ancestors - Stewarts & Harris - If the lines have been established you no doubt will know it and it would be so expensive for me to get the data - If they have not been established do you think Colonial service is in either line, and what would you charge to work it out for me? The reason I told you Hardy & Powers are my father's (Stewart & Harris) ancestors is not to confuse this data in any way with what Miss Biggs is doing -

The Ga- society D. Di- accepts July 4, 1776 as the close of the Colonial period.
All unpublished data must be certified- If published reference to Vol- & page is enough- The ancestor had to be in America prior to 1750.
My mothers ancestor was Ann (called Nancy) Stewart- She was a daughter of John Stewart of Amherst Cumberland & Hanover Counties Va- He was b. in Va. died 1784- He married Ann Harvey or Amelia or Harvey- She died 1796- I have been told she was born in Henrico Co. Va- Their children (Jno. Stewart & Ann Harvey) were John ~~Wm~~ Stewart Jr. (Lieut in Rev- army) III (he married Lucy Mourning Floyd in Amherst Co- Va.) Robert- Samuel Charles James William Thomas David Richard Sarah Mary Elizabeth and my Ann- The son, Jno- Stewart Jr. 2nd or 3rd moved to Ga. & the sister my Ann came to visit him there & met & mar- John Floyd of Ga- (Jno. Floyd was from North or S. Carolina) & settled in Ga-

(traditionary)

I have been told, that my Ann Stewart Floyds father, Jno. Stewart, II was a son of Col. John Stuart or Stewart. of Va. My ancestor Ann Stewart Floyd, was b. July 11-1773, in Amherst Co. Va. Shore ward. d. in Ga. Nov. 8. 1826 - mar. Jno. Floyd in Ga. at her fathers home Sept. 27-1797.

The above data is all that I have about the Stewarts and Haines or Haine families.

Now below I will copy some data that may or may not have any bearing at all on the above families.

"Captain Stuart Amherst Co. Va. in list of soldiers in Va. Militia Rev. war Vol. Seven. P. 28. Va. Hist. Mag. Pub. 1899"

"Capt. Jno. Stewart in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Wm Fleming in the Rev. war - Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. Nine - P. 404 - April 1902"

"Capt. Robert Stewart in Va. Troops in French & Indian wars." "Troops of Light

Horse Commanded by Capt. Robert Stewart May-11-1756 at Middletown - Page 38 - Va - Hist. Mag. Vol. II July 1894."

- Haw or Hawes -

"Samuel Hawes - Lieut. Col. under Geo. Washington served in Va - Continental Line. Pages 243-244 - Va - Hist. Mag - Vol. V. Pub. 1895 -"

"Col. Haws 4th Va - Militia in Rev." Va - Hist. Mag. Vol - 7. P. 26, Pub. 1899 -

"Dec - 8 1774 - Committee of Safety for Caroline Co, Va - Samuel Haws & Samuel Haws, Jr - Page 102 - Wm & Mary Quarterly Mag - Vol - 5. Pub. 1896" (Mary Ann Stewart had a brother, Samuel & a Bro: Robert)

"Michael Hawes member of one of the Kings Commissioners July 15-1624 - The New - Government for Va. Page 40 - Va - Hist. Mag - Vol. 7. Pub. 1899"

"John Hawes came to Va - 1618 in the Neptune - Page 312 - Vol - 1. Jan. 1894 - Va - Hist. Mag -"

"John Harr was a member of the first Vestry of Hungars Church Northampton Co, Va. Sept. 14-1635. Wm Cotton was the minister. Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. 4. p. 401. April 1897."

"Jno. Harr Gent. was among the first Commissioners who held Court in Sept. 1632. Page 401. Vol. 4, 1897 Va. Hist. Mag."

"1636 First order for an election. People met at the Sheriffs house Feb. 15. & chose Jno. Harr & Wm Roper Burgesses. Page 403. Vol. 4. 1897. Va. Hist. Mag."

Also on p. 403 same mag. is a copy of "Capt. Jno. Harr Commander of the said plantation of Accomack."

I was always told my Ann Stewart Hayds' mother was "Ann Harr or Harris". This name is very uncommon in Va. & I am in hopes there were not millions of them in Va, & that we can locate some of the above as my ancestors. With best wishes,

Cordially,
Sarah Foster Stovall.

(Mrs. Harvey Stovall)

P.S. Sorry, I have lost your address with your husbands name on it -
S. F. S.

on her hat! Miss Biggs is working on my Powers. Hardy lives now. Thanks & you. With best wishes. Sincerely. Sarah T. Stovall.

850 Hancock Ave. Athens Ga. July 2-1934.

Dear Mrs. Chapman.

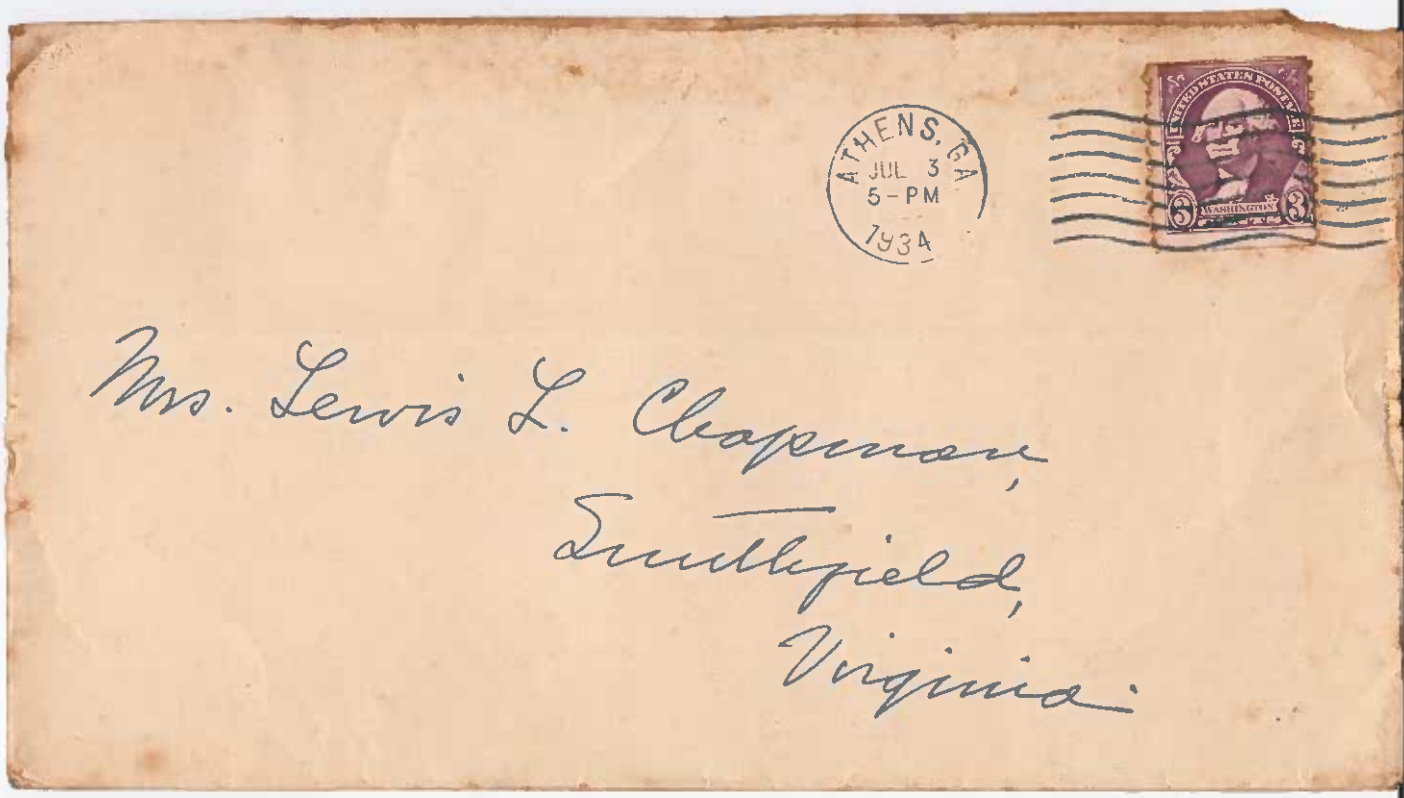
I can trace one of my lines to Adam Tindylocks. He came from Scotland & owned a great deal of land in Albemarle Co. Va. He had 5-98 acres in one farm & smaller farms besides. In "Woods History of Albemarle Co. Va." page 367 the names of Adam Tindylocks & Davis Stockton his father-in-law are among 57 men who called for the service of Rev. Samuel Blacks in 1747 to be the minister of Ivy Creek & Rocky Hill Presbyterian Churches. Rev. Blacks was from Scotland. The Rocky Hill Church is now in Nelson Co. Nelson Co. was taken from Albemarle. The old Church which was founded by these men & Rev. Blacks was destroyed in 1853 but another Church was erected in the same place & services are held there

twice a month. I can get proof of this. Do this considered Colonial service by the Va. Society of Colonial Dames? The Church was founded in 1747 and is still functioning altho' not in the original building. This my ancestor Adam Gandylock or Gandyloch & this father-in-law Davis Stockton were among the 5 men who called the service of Rev. Samuel Blacks. Davis Stockton had a patent of 400 acres in Albemarle Co. Va. next to the land of this son-in-law Adam Gandylock in 1738 or 39. Davis Stockton d. in 1769 — his wife was Sarah. their children were Wm. Thomas Richard Samuel & Hannah. Hannah mar. Adam Gandylock & their children were Wm. Davis Prudence Hannah Susannah Elizabeth Ann & Sarah. Adam Gandylock sold this land in Albemarle Co Va — 1765 & moved to Union District S.C. where he died in 1796. I have a copy of this will.

I know in some states if an ancestor was here prior to 1775 or helped found a school or church it is accepted by the Colonial Dames Society, but I do not know the rules of the Va. society. And I do not know if the 5-7 men who called Rev. Blacks were the founders of the Church. Recently I saw an account of the death of a descendant of Rev. Blacks who died near Hillsboro Va. The account said "Rev. Samuel Blacks 3 brothers came from the Highlands of Scotland & founded several Presbyterian Churches in Va. It seems to me the 5-7 men who "called for the services of Rev. Samuel Blacks" also helped to found the church. I'd appreciate it very much if you will tell me if this is accepted as Colonial service in Va. In 1749 Adam Lindsley owned 5-98 acres of land on the north fork of Meechams River - 400 acres on the Yellow Mountain branch 1749 - 150 acres

on another part of Meechams River - 400
acres of land on the South Fork of Meechams
River - all this land was surveyed for him
in 1749. If I can prove he had an original
land grant of 500 acres this is accepted
by the D.A.R. society in some states. Does Va.
accept this? I think I can get this in-
formation about the land grant from the
Clerk of Court in Charlottesville.
Once you wrote me and told me you were related
Va. If the will of Jno. Foster who left five
children, Jno, Jr. Kit. Arthur, Betsey (mar. a
Parker) & Eliza (mar. a Freeman) is listed
what will you charge to get me a copy of it?
My gr. grandfather Arthur Foster was born in
"Halifax Co. Va. 1757 - d. in Ga. 1841" This is on
his monument. I know he was a Rev. soldier.
Halifax Co. Va. was cut from Lunenburg Co. in 1752.
Family records show above Arthur was son of
Jno. Foster of Va. Arthur & his sister Betsey,
who mar. a Freeman came to Ga. to live.
I am told Arthurs father's will is not on record
in Halifax, Va. It has been handed down in the family
that our Arthur's sister Betsey Freeman was turned
out of a Ga. Church for wearing artificial flowers

P. S. A John Foster died in Halifax Co. Va. 1837 or 38
& left will but it wasn't the name of my Arthur's
family. No doubt this Jno. is my Arthur's brother.
A Jno. Foster d. in Albemarle Co. Va. 1764 & mentions a son
Jno. in will. no Arthur. I have heard there was a
Jno. Foster in New Kent Co. Va. years ago. Geo. Foster,
b. 1746 in Prince Edward Co. Va. located in Va. in
same Co. my Arthur lived & descendants claim
they were first cousins. Southampton Co. Va. has
full of Fosters & they undoubtedly were related



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Many Arthurs so many names are the same
"Arthur Nathaniel Sterling Moses" etc. but I can't
locate my Arthur there. Arthur Foster left Nell there 1810
mentions dead son Arthur & grandson Arthur Stella
child. Moses Foster d. there 1824 evidently a bachelor -
left Nell & property to sister nephews etc. Our Arthur had
Arthur Adam Moses Fort, Nathaniel Greene Sterling, Albert
Daniel, Mary, Lucy S. Foster Elizabeth H. Foster, Sarah
Eliza & 3 died - one said to have been named Jno - one Thos
& one? S. F. S. Jno. Thos Jno - Lester, Haley — Christopher Foster Southampton Co - left a son

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